



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 22 September 2009

Subject: Update on local NHS priorities

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

1.1 At its meeting on 30 June 2009, the Board received a number of inputs to help members consider the Board's priorities during the current municipal year. This included specific contributions from:

- Executive Board Member for Adult Health and Social Care
- Deputy Director (Adult Social Services)
- NHS Leeds
- Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT)
- Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust (LPFT)

1.2 When considering the work programme for 2009/10, the Scrutiny Board agreed to invite each local NHS Trust to provide quarterly updates against the key issues and priorities for the current year. The Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Health) subsequently confirmed this request, by writing to the Chief Executive of each local NHS Trust on 1 July 2009.

2.0 Report issues

2.1 As part of the previous discussions with the local NHS Trusts, the following priority areas were identified:

NHS Leeds

- Saving lives and reducing health inequalities
- Improving health, wellbeing and healthcare

- Responding to population needs
- Sustaining performance against access and safety standards
- Shaping the provider landscape
- Becoming a world class commissioner

Leeds Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust

- Completing the redesign of Older People's Mental Health Services
- Improving the Trust's position with regard to delayed transfer of care (between service providers both health and social care)
- Building on the Trust's work on patient safety, further improving the quality of, and reducing the variation in, services (related to excellence in service provision and delivering the aims of "Healthy Ambitions")
- Understanding the implications and planning for a downturn in NHS finances.
- Challenging stigma and discrimination often associated and with mental health problems and learning disabilities, and promoting social inclusion.

Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

- Service provision in a changing financial environment – focusing on improving productivity, efficiency and the quality of services
- Outcomes of Leeds Strategic Review (focusing on Leeds Health Economy) being undertaken by the Strategic Health Authority
- Providing care closer to home, including different models of care (including services not based at hospitals)
- Clinical Services Reconfiguration Programme
- Foundation Trust status process – including the need to act like a business when considering changes to services and delivery models
- Internal and external cultural changes associated with changes in service models and delivery
- Key performance targets, including:
 - Improving the excellence of clinical outcomes
 - Improving the management of business
 - Becoming the hospital of choice (for patients and GPs)

2.2 In accordance with the Scrutiny Board's previous resolution, each local NHS Trust has been invited to attend the meeting and provide an update on the above priority areas.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 Members of the Scrutiny Board (Health) are asked to note and comment on the updates provided at the meeting and determine any matters that require further scrutiny.

4.0 Background Papers

Scrutiny Board (Health) – minutes of meeting, 30 June 2009.